HRA as per relevant rules of the autonomous organisation if their spouses are not allotted the Government accommodation. As per HRA Rules, a Government servant shall not be entitled to the HRA if his wife/her husband has been allotted Government accommodation at the same station by the Central Government, State Government, an autonomous public undertaking or semi Government organisation such as Municipality, Port Trust etc. On the same analogy the spouses working in such autonomous organisation are not paid HRA in case Government accommodation at the same station is allotted to their counterpart.

Salaries and jobs of employees in disin vested PSUs

†2203. DR. PRABHATHAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in case of sale out of the PSUs to the private companies by private companies by the Central Government, salaries and jobs of thousands of employees working in their undertakings remain as usual; and

(b) if not, the details of the scheme formulated by Government to provide jobs to thousands of such employees who have been rendered jobless?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIANANDRAO VITHOBAADSUL): (a) and (b) Protection of interest of employees is an integral part of the disinvestment policy of the Government. Adequate provisions are made in the Transaction Agreements, executed as a part of strategic sale, to ensure protection to employees.

The said Agreements provide that there is no retrenchment of employees for one year after disinvestment and even thereafter separation is possible only under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme as applicable under DPE guidelines or the Voluntary Retirement Scheme which was prevailing in the company prior to disinvestment, whichever is more beneficial for employees.

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